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8 CREATING THE JOINT INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON
9 OPEN MEETINGS LEGISLATION.

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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Joint Interim Legislative
13 Committee on Open Meetings Legislation is created. The
14 committee shall be composed of three members of each house, to
15 be appointed by the presiding officer of each house. The
16 membership of the committee shall be inclusive and reflect the
17 racial, gender, geographic, urban and rural, and economic
18 diversity of the state. The committee shall report to the
19 Legislature by the 2nd legislative day of the 2011 regular
20 session the extent to which the committee has complied with
21 the diversity provisions provided for in this resolution. The
22 chair and vice chair of the committee shall be elected at the
23 first meeting by the members of the committee, which shall be
24 held not later than 10 days after the effective date of this
25 resolution. The committee shall meet no more than four times
26 following the initial meeting of the committee. The committee
27 shall study all facets of Alabama's Open Meetings Law, to

1 include the drafting of a new or revised Act that will allow
2 for meetings of public boards and agencies by teleconference.

3 Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary of the
4 Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
5 provide necessary clerical assistance for the work of the
6 committee. The committee shall report its findings,
7 conclusions, and recommendations, including delivery of the
8 new proposed legislation, as agreed upon and authored by the
9 committee, to the Legislature not later than the 5th
10 legislative day of the 2011 Regular Session, whereupon the
11 committee shall stand dissolved and discharged of any further
12 duties and liabilities. Each member of the committee shall be
13 entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, his
14 or her per diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she
15 attends a meeting of the committee. Upon requisitions signed
16 by the chair of the committee, these payments shall be paid
17 out of any funds appropriated to the use of the Legislature by
18 means of warrants drawn on the State Treasury. Notwithstanding
19 the foregoing, no member shall receive additional legislative
20 compensation or per diem when the Legislature is in session or
21 if a member is being paid any other payments on the same dates
22 for attendance on other state business. The total expenditures
23 of the committee shall not exceed \$5,000.